

JUDGE WILLIAM C. GRIDLEY CIRCUIT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Judge William C. Gridley is a native Orlandoan. He attended Marks Street Elementary School, Howard Junior High and Edgewater High School. Judge Gridley graduated from University of Florida with a B.A. Degree in Political Science in 1963 and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He received his J.D. Degree in 1965 from the University of Florida and was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

He practiced real estate law with Beardall, Gridley, Lewis and Blankner; insurance defense litigation at Gurney, Gurney & Handley and Pitts, Eubanks and Ross. He served as an assistant public defender with Dick Bowen for two years from where he was appointed to the Bench by Governor Askew in May, 1972. He has served as a judge since then in all divisions of the Circuit Court; Criminal, Juvenile, Probate, Domestic and Civil and generally handled administrative matters as well as regular duties.

Judge Gridley was Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit from 1987-89 and was Administrative Judge of the Domestic Division from 1995-1998 and was Administrative Judge in the Civil Division in Orange County from 1998 - 2003.

He has been married to Shannon for thirty seven years and they have three grown children:

Bill, Jr. is the Director of Public Information at Orlando Utilities Commission

Shannon is an Assistant City Attorney, City of Orlando

Cameron is working toward a PsyD degree in Psychology in San Francisco

Judge Gridley is an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Winter Park. He has been a member of various Boards throughout the years: Boys Club, Episcopal Counseling, Center, Kairo Prison Ministry, Young Life, WMFE Channel 24 and was Co-chairman of Orange County Bar Association Professionalism Committee.